



# PRE-SCISSORS

## Check List



**To know whether a child may be ready to use scissors, use the checklist below:**

- Is the child able to open and close their hand in a controlled way, repeatedly?
- Can the child use both hands independently (e.g. one hand holds paper and the other hand cuts? One hand closed and the other hand open?)
- Is there an overflow motor movement? This is when the child voluntarily attempts movement with one hand but will show involuntary movement with the other hand.
- Is the child able to snip with a scissor away from the body?
- Is the child's wrist extended and the scissor holding hand's thumb facing up?
- Can the child start and stop an activity at will?
- Is the child cognitively ready to use scissors and maintain a reasonable level of safety?